

CLAIMS:

1. A method for performing digital right management in a network, the method comprising the steps of:

storing (251), in a first authorised device (211), a master right associated with a content, which master right controls what type of access the first authorised device has to 5 said associated content;

deriving a subright from the master right, which subright controls what type of access a second authorised device (261) is given to said associated content; distributing (271) the subright to said second authorised device, given that said second device complies with a predetermined distribution criterion associated with the master right.

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2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of measuring the distance (381) between the first authorised device (311) and the second authorised device (361), wherein said predetermined distribution criterion is that the distance between the first authorised device and the second authorised device shall be smaller than a maximum 15 distribution distance.

3. The method according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising the steps of:

measuring the distance (481) between the first authorised device (411) and the second authorised device (461); and

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allowing, by means of exercising the subright (462) which has been distributed to said second authorised device, the second authorised device access to the associated content if the distance between the first authorised device and the second authorised device is smaller than a maximum access distance.

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4. The method according to any one of claims 1-3, further comprising the step of revoking (581) the subrights (522, 532, 542, 552, 562) derived from the master right (512) when said master right exits (571) the network (501).

5. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the first authorised device (511) and the second authorised device (521, 531, 541, 551, 561) are comprised in an authorised domain (501), and the size of the authorized domain is managed by the master right (512).

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6. The method according to claim 5, wherein said first authorised device (511) storing the master right (512) manages the authorised domain (501).

7. The method according to any one of claim 5 or 6, wherein said predetermined distribution criterion is that the number of authorised devices (511, 521, 531, 541, 551, 561) or persons which are allowed in the authorised domain (501) shall be smaller than a maximum domain participant number.

8. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the control of the type of access that a second authorised device (261) is given to said associated content by a subright, and the predetermined distribution criteria associated with the master right, are set by a service provider (221).

9. The method according to any one of claims 1-7, wherein the control of the type of access that a second authorised device (261) is given to said associated content by a subright, and the predetermined distribution criteria associated with the master right, are set by the first authorised device (211).

10. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein a content quality parameter is set in the subright, which parameter decides the quality with which said associated content can be rendered by the second authorised device.

11. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the second authorised device (461) further performs the step of:
30 contacting the first authorised device (411) storing the master right (412) before exercising the subright (462).

12. A system for performing digital right management, which system comprises:
a first authorised device (211);

a master right associated with a content; and
a second authorised device (261); wherein
said first authorised device stores (251) the master right associated with a
content, derives a subright from the master right and distributes (271) the subright to said
5 second authorised device (261), given that said second device complies with a predetermined
distribution criterion associated with the master right; and wherein

said master right controls what type of access the first authorised device has to
said associated content and said subright controls what type of access the second authorised
device has to said associated content.

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13. The system according to claim 12, wherein the first authorised device (311)
and the second authorised device (361) further comprise means (213, 263) for measuring the
distance (381) between the first authorised device and the second authorised device; wherein
said predetermined distribution criterion is that the distance between the first authorised
15 device and the second authorised device shall be smaller than a maximum distribution
distance.

14. The system according to claim 12 or 13, wherein the first authorised device
(411) and the second authorised device (461) further comprise:
20 means (213, 263) for measuring the distance (481) between the first authorised
device and the second authorised device; and

means for allowing, by means of exercising the subright (462) which has been
distributed to said second authorised device, the second authorised device access to the
subright, which has been distributed to said second authorised device, and the associated
25 content if the distance between the first authorised device and the second authorised device is
smaller than a maximum access distance.

15. The system according to any one of claims 12-14, further comprising means
(213, 263) for revoking the subrights (522, 532, 542, 552, 562) derived from the master right
30 (512) when said master right exits (571) the network (501).

16. The system according to any one of claims 12-15, wherein the first authorised
device (511) and the second authorised device (521, 531, 541, 551, 561) are comprised in an

authorised domain (501), and the size of the authorized domain is managed by the master right (512).

17. The system according to claim 16, wherein said first authorised device (511) 5 storing the master right (512) manages the authorised domain (501).

18. The system method according to any one of claim 16 or 17, wherein said predetermined distribution criterion is that the number of authorised devices (511, 521, 531, 541, 551, 561) or persons which are allowed in the authorised domain (501) shall be smaller 10 than a maximum domain participant number.

19. The system according to any one of claims 12-18, wherein the control of the type of access that a second authorised device (261) is given to said associated content by a subright, and the predetermined distribution criteria associated with the master right, are set 15 by a service provider (221).

20. The system according to any one of claims 12-18, wherein the control of the type of access that a second authorised device (261) is given to said associated content by a subright, and the predetermined distribution criteria associated with the master right, are set 20 by the first authorised device (211).

21. The system according to any one of claims 12-20, wherein a content quality parameter is set in the subright, which parameter decides the quality with which said associated content can be rendered by the second authorised device.

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22. The system according to any one of claims 12-21, wherein the second authorised device (461) further comprise means (263) for contacting the first authorised device (411) storing the master right (412) before exercising the subright (462).